

# Friday Night Fax

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## ICCSV Board Meeting July 11<sup>th</sup>

Commissioner Ed Levy will be hosting the ICCSV Board Meeting on July 11, 2002. The meeting will be held at the North Crowe Chizek office building in Indianapolis. The ICCSV has invited the South Bend AmeriCorps, Elkhart EnviroCorps and other service partners including programs of the CNCS State Office to participate in the board meeting and give the board members information on their programs' initiatives via video conferencing from South Bend. We have much to discuss at this board meeting including voting on amendments to the by-laws, the pledge for newly installed members, and minutes. If you have questions, please contact Brandy Wood at 317-232-2503.

## Additional Volunteers Welcomed to the ICCSV

The ICCSV is pleased to announce three additional volunteers to our team! Katherine Swenson will be a high school senior next year at the Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics and Humanities. Katie has volunteered with the Conner Prairie since she was 12 years old and was chosen as one of two participants in the Youth Leadership of Hendricks County initiative. Her knowledge and experience with youth leadership will be an asset to our team! Crystal Burton will also be a high school senior next year at the Charleston High School in Charleston, Illinois. Crystal is here will us to learn more about Indiana State government and community service. Nicolas Deroi comes to our office from Nantes, France and wishes to learn more about the world of service to others in the greater community. Welcome Katie, Crystal and Nicolas!

## Step into the Future – with Indiana 2016 – at the State Fair

If you've ever speculated what Indiana will be like on the state's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2016, you'll enjoy working at the Indiana 2016 booth at the State Fair. Representatives from the Indiana Space Consortium, universities and high schools around the state will demonstrate their cutting edge developments—from robots to moon buggies, from computers to Rube Goldberg machines—in the "Made in Indiana" section of the Expo Hall August 7 – 18 this year. Universities participating include Purdue, IUPUI, Taylor University, Notre Dame, ISU, University of Evansville and IU School of Medicine. Perry Meridian, Kokomo, West Lafayette, Russiaville and Carmel will be among the high schools represented. Plan to attend, get a taste of Hoosier inventiveness and find out what's going on in communities around the state! Spaces for volunteers is limited, so please contact Amber Roos at 317-233-0900 or via email at [aroos@dwd.state.in.us](mailto:aroos@dwd.state.in.us) as soon as possible to sign up!

## Volunteers Needed for Back-to-School Family Night

Friday, August 16, 2002 and Saturday, August 17, 2002, the Covering Kids Coalition is having a Back to School Event, which offers a variety of free services to Indiana Hoosiers. There will be health care professional on-site to provide various health assessments. Volunteers are needed to help in the areas of set-up, clean up, food, and entertainment. There will be food and refreshments for the community as well as the volunteers. The Covering Kids Coalition is an outreach program maintained by the Marion County Health Department and Health and Hospital that helps to ensure that families receive necessary health insurance. The event will be held at Marion County Health Department located at 3838 N. Rural Indianapolis, Indiana 46205. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Chequrita Booker at 317-221-3180 or via email at [cbooker@hhcorp.org](mailto:cbooker@hhcorp.org).

## Average Hourly Value of Volunteer Time

The average hourly value of a volunteer's time is updated yearly by the INDEPENDENT SECTOR organization. It is based on an average of the non-agricultural hourly wage taken from the Economic Report of the President (2001 Edition). In 2000, the average wage of a volunteer was \$15.40 per hour. Increasing this figure by 12% to allow for fringe benefits, the INDEPENDENT SECTOR reports that the 2002 U.S. Average Hourly Value of Volunteer Time is \$16.05. The role of the volunteer has continually changed and can range from basic tasks to professional services. Additional information regarding giving and volunteering is available at <http://www.indepsec.org/>.

### Did you know?

The first annual statewide collaboration of Juneteenth celebrations was held from June 15-24 in cities around the state. Juneteenth marks the date the last slaves in Texas received notification of their freedom—June 19, 1865—two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. Sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources' Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology; the Indiana 2016 Task Force, chaired by First Lady Judy O'Bannon; the Indiana Historical Bureau and the State of Indiana, events were held in Columbus, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Lafayette, Lancaster, Lyles Station, Richmond and South Bend.

### Commissioner Ann Marie Thomson Travels to South Africa

Commissioner Ann Marie Thomson and family traveled to South Africa to build houses with Habitat for Humanity, International Jimmy Carter Work Project in early June 2002. The effort of over 2,000 international volunteers and some 1,500 local volunteers resulted in the completion of 100 houses in 5 days in Durban, South Africa. This great project lead by Habitat for Humanity, Intl. is an annual event supported by former President Jimmy Carter and Rosslyn Carter. The 100 homes were built in Cato Manor, a neighborhood where homes were destroyed and families removed during apartheid. The efforts of the volunteers and Jimmy and Rosslyn Carter will continue as HFHI works to build 200 more homes during the next year.

### Join Hands Day

On Saturday, June 15, the SouthEast Neighborhood Development (SEND), in partnership with the ICCSV, hosted JOIN HANDS DAY activities on Indianapolis' south side. Fifty-five youth and adults gathered at the Indianapolis Police Department's South District headquarters to kick-off the day's events. A representative of Mayor Bart Peterson's office attend the opening ceremonies and presented a proclamation to the SEND and the ICCSV. In addition, a congratulatory letter was read on behalf of local state representative John Day, who was unable to attend. Volunteers painted six homes in surrounding neighborhoods. Also participating in JOIN HAND DAY activities at separate events were approximately 25 youth and adults that worked to repair and clean Stacy Park. Seven local youth and two adults also participated in similar projects at the Lilly Boys and Girls Club. Thirty youth from the local community were expected at the event to design and paint a community mural. However, the weather prevented them from attending. (To date, the mural is complete.) After six hours of grueling work, participants reflected on their day of service and were treated to door prizes, generously sponsored by areas businesses. FOX 59 aired several of the project sites on its evening news program.

### ICCSV Staff Attended Peer Exchange in New York

ICCSV Staff Carey Craig and Brandy Wood recently traveled to the New York State Commission on National and Community Service for a peer exchange on June 24 & 25<sup>th</sup> to learn from their New York colleagues, while increasing their knowledge base of the field by sharing effective practices, regional information and unique experiences. Carey met with various individuals to discuss Learn & Serve, youth development, youth commission' activities and inclusion. Brandy met with various individuals to discuss marketing outreach, board development, grant processes and Citizen Corps. Both Carey and Brandy learned about New York's professional development and training, monitoring of sub-grantees and the unified state plan for service.

### Success of the 2002 Indiana AmeriCorps Summer Celebration

The Indiana AmeriCorps Summer Celebration was held on June 26-28 at the Radisson Hotel Star Plaza in Merrillville Indiana to celebrate a successful year of service by Indiana AmeriCorps members. First Lady Judy O'Bannon was the keynote speaker at the opening of the event and related stories of her travels in South Africa with the importance of volunteering. Les Lenkowsky, CEO, Corporation for National and Community Service brought greetings from Washington D.C. to the 230 AmeriCorps members in attendance. Members and staff contributed over 600 hours by participating in various service projects sponsored by fifteen not-for-profit agencies in Lake and Porter Counties. Several exciting training workshops were offered and a picnic lunch was held at the Indiana Dunes State Park. All in all, the Summer Celebration was a huge success!

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## Indiana Represented at the National Youth Summit

Bill Grover III, Chair of the Indiana Youth Commission for Service and Leadership (IYCSL), and Carey Craig from the ICCSV and IYCSL advisor, attended the National Youth Summit in Washington, D.C. held June 26 through June 28<sup>th</sup>. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in collaboration with seven cabinet agencies and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) sponsored the event. Speakers included: Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, and Attorney General John Ashcroft. Grover and Craig presented Indiana's best practices in the areas of community-based service learning and youth leadership in a presentation entitled "Redefining the Village: Youth Leadership through Service Learning." More than 100 youth and adults, many of who expressed an interest in creating a model in their state and local community similar to the IYCSL, attended the 75-minute presentation. Approximately 2000 youth and youth development specialist attended the conference. Also, representing Indiana was a delegation from Gary Youth Build, representatives from the Indiana Youth Institute and local youth service bureaus. Health and Human Services staff promised future conferences.

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## Important Deadlines and Upcoming Events

Indiana Unified State Plan for Service Submitted to Corporation	July 1, 2002
Independence Day	July 4, 2002
ICCSV Board Meeting	July 11, 2002